

Please stay on the trails to prevent disturbance to plants and wildlife—and to avoid poison ivy.

## **AVERY TRAIL**

**Follow Blue Blazes**

**Distance: .29 miles**

**Activity Level: Easy**

This loop trail is great for little legs and trail-friendly strollers. The wood chipped path is mostly level and travels toward the historic Rockville Cemetery. It begins just behind the Hayes Forest Preserve dedication stone near the deer enclosure.

## **HERITAGE TRAIL**

**Follow Yellow Blazes**

**Distance: .86 miles**

**Activity Level: Moderate**

This trail meanders through historic sites. Originally this property was part of a 500-acre farm called Glen View (1838-1904), owned by Judge Richard Bowie. The **dam** created a reservoir and the water was used as a water source for cattle and irrigation for crops. In the early 1880s Judge Bowie bequeathed one acre of his land to Benjamin Smith, an emancipated slave from Glen View farm. Benjamin built a two-story wooden house for his family to live in. The **house foundation** is what remains of the Smith house today. Irene Lyon (owner, 1917-1950), transformed the farm into a country estate and mansion designed for entertaining. She kept deer as pets in the now **abandoned pen**.

## **OVERLOOK TRAIL**

**Follow White Blazes**

**Distance: .17 miles**

**Activity Level: Easy**

This is the shortest trail that takes hikers to an outcropping of rock with a view of Croydon Creek. From this trail visitors can access Little Falls and the creek.

## **WOODLAND TRAIL**

**Follow White Blazes**

**Distance: 1.10 miles**

**Activity Level: Moderate**

The longest loop through the Hayes Forest Preserve travels through some of the highest and lowest elevation points in the park.

## **CITY OF ROCKVILLE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- **Alcoholic Beverages** - A person may not consume, sell, distribute, possess, or use alcoholic beverages in any City park without an alcohol permit issued by the City.
- **Camping or Lodging** - A person may not camp without a written permit issued by the City Manager.
- **Domestic Animals** - No animal may be brought on City park property unless it is on a leash. Pet owners must clean up after their pets.
- **Firearms** - A person may not carry or discharge any firearms.
- **Fires** - A person may not make or kindle a fire except in places provided.
- **Games** - A person may not play games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins, or model airplanes except in areas set apart for such forms of recreation.
- **Litter** - A person may not throw or leave paper, fruit skins, or other rubbish anywhere except in the receptacles provided for such purpose, or place any refuse therein that has been brought from private property in the vicinity.
- **Malicious Mischief, Damage, Etc.** - A person may not cut, break into, injure, deface, or disturb any tree, shrub, plant, rock, building, wall, fence, bench, sign, or other structure, apparatus, or property; cut or remove any wood, turf, grass, soil, rock, sand or gravel.
- **Operating Hours** - All City parks shall be closed between sunset and sunrise, except lighted activity areas.

For a complete list of park rules and regulations please visit the City's website at [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov).



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